

Two People. One Vision.

THE MODERN COUPLE'S SHARED WEDDING CHECKLIST

Planning Together: Celebrating Equally.

Today's weddings reflect partnership, and planning should too.

Whether you're hosting a beachfront celebration in Palm Cove, a chic Brisbane soiree or a rainforest escape in the Daintree or mountain clad Tablelands, this shared checklist helps couples divide responsibilities, stay aligned and create a day that represents you both.

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SET YOUR VISION TOGETHER

Suggested Icon: Interlocking rings

- Discuss what matters most (food, party, photos, intimacy?)
- Agree on top three priorities
- Decide guest experience style (formal, relaxed, destination weekend)
- Align on overall budget comfort zone
- Choose your "non-negotiables" individually

***FNQ Insight:** Destination weddings often require more guest communication and logistics planning.*

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BUDGET & DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURE

Suggested Icon: Dollar sign + handshake

- Set total budget
- Agree on spending priorities
- Assign a shared tracking method (spreadsheet or app)
- Decide who signs off on contracts
- Schedule monthly budget check-ins

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DIVIDE & CONQUER (SMARTLY)

Instead of "bride tasks" and "groom tasks", allocate by strengths.

- Partner A Leads: _____
- Partner B Leads: _____

- Joint Decisions:
- Venue
- Guest list
- Catering
- Ceremony format
- Entertainment
- Final styling approval

Healthy planning = clear ownership + shared final approval.

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GUEST EXPERIENCE FOCUS (QUEENSLAND EDITION)

- Accommodation recommendations
- Transport logistics
- Welcome drinks event
- Recovery brunch
- Dress code guidance ("Tropical Formal", "Garden Cocktail")
- Weather advice for interstate guests

FNQ weddings are often weekend experiences - plan beyond just the ceremony.

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CEREMONY TOGETHERNESS

- Decide on vows (traditional or personal)
- Choose readings or rituals
- Discuss music selections
- Plan processional together
- Decide on name changes (if applicable)

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STYLE & PRESENTATION

- Agree on overall aesthetic
- Confirm colour palette
- Coordinate attire tone
- Approve florals
- Review styling mock-ups together

Tropical tip: Consider humidity-friendly fabrics and weather backups.

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WEDDING DAY GAME PLAN

- Finalise shared run sheet
- Assign someone to manage supplier queries
- Confirm wet weather contingency
- Share timeline with bridal party
- Build buffer time (FNQ weather allowance)

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RELATIONSHIP FIRST CHECK-IN

- Schedule wedding-free date nights
- Avoid planning burnout
- Revisit why you're getting married
- Celebrate milestones in the planning process

The wedding is one day. The marriage is the goal.

MODERN WEDDING REALITIES

Many couples now split planning 50/50

Inclusive ceremonies are increasingly common

Joint budgeting reduces stress

Guest experience matters more than formality

Sustainability is a growing priority



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